

News from the Chair

Dan Kaplan
UEC meeting
Friday, Oct. 7, 2011

Future Meeting Dates

- Next 2 meetings:
 - based on Doodle poll,
 - Nov. 17?
 - Dec. 15?
- After that, no consensus
 - should we switch back to Fridays?

Lab News

- Bruce Chrisman is retiring \approx end-January after about 40 years at NAL/FNAL (some time spent at Yale and SSC)
- Draft of long-term scientific strategy document

Subcommittees

- Government Relations
 - promote positive interactions with government agencies, including Congress and the Administration
 - organize the annual DC trip with SLAC Users Org, USLHC Users Org, and DPF
 - membership: Adams, Gustafson, Jindariani, Patterson, Pawloski, Rebel, Whitehead, Zwaska
- (if only assign people to their 1st and 2nd choices)

Subcommittees (cont.)

- Non-U.S. Users
 - deal with issues specific to non-U.S. users
 - promote quality of life for non-U.S. users
 - some issues: visas, immigration, taxes
- membership: Jindariani, Lewis + who else?
- chair: Lewis volunteers

Subcommittees (cont.)

- Outreach
 - promote and assist User efforts at outreach
- membership: Cooke, Paulini, Varelas + who else?

Subcommittees (cont.)

- Quality of Life
 - deal with any issues affecting users' quality of life at the lab
 - help to provide a better quality of life at the lab
 - some past issues: pool, cafeteria, Chez Leon, taxi service
- membership: Cooke, Gustafson, Patterson, Rebel + who else?

Subcommittees (cont.)

- Quality of Life

- e.g.,

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Subject: shuttle to Metra

Hi, Dan/Joe:

Barb tells me there's a User's meeting tomorrow. I won't be able to make it, as I have a conflict. I know Joe Grange is outgoing GSA rep, but thought I'd cc him here too.

I wanted to bring up what is surely an old idea. It's one I'm told resurfaces with some regularity. That idea is getting a FNAL shuttle to make a pick-up in morning and a drop in the evening to the W. Chicago Metra.

About 5 of us who were just randomly chatting last wk said we'd be keenly interested in getting away from the current dodgy arrangements we have to commute into FNAL from Oak Park and further points in Chicago. The shuttle would go along way toward ameliorating our commute difficulties. I've added the people below who I remember from this conversation. I'm more hesitant to speak for Jim Strait, who's another person with whom I've had this conversation and who seemed interested. Can you let us know how we met get this item on the User's Group's agenda?

Thanks -- Eric

Subcommittees (cont.)

- Users Meeting
 - organize the annual Users Meeting
 - ~500 attendees, 3 days this year, lots of talks, social events, poster session, public lecture
- membership: Gustafson, Patterson, Paulini, Pawloski, Varelas, Whitehead, Zwaska (+anyone else?)

Subcommittees (cont.)

- Do we need a separate Local Congressional Visits subcommittee?
 - had one year before last
- How select chairs – volunteers:
 - QoL: Cooke
 - Non-U.S. Users: Lewis
 - Outreach: Varelas
 - Users Mtg : Whitehead
 - Govt Rel: Rebel